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The SPECTATOR.

—— *Judex & Callidus Audis.* Hor.

Monday, December 10. 1711.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *Covent-Garden, Nov.* 7.

I Cannot without a double Injuſtice forbear expreſſing to you the Satisfaction which a whole Clan of Virtuoſos have received from thoſe Hints which you have lately given the Town on the Cartons of the inimitable *Raphael*. It ſhould be methinks the Buſineſs of a SPECTATOR to improve the Pleaſures of Sight, and there cannot be a more immediate Way to it than recommending the Study and Obſervation of excellent Drawings and Pictures. When I firſt went to view thoſe of *Raphael* which you have celebrated, I muſt confeſs I was but barely pleas'd; the next Time I lik'd them better, but at laſt as I grew better acquainted with them I fell deeply in love with them, like wiſe Speeches they ſunk deep into my Heart; for you know, Mr. SPECTATOR, that a Man of Wit may extreamly affect one for the preſent, but if he has not Diſcretion his Merit ſoon vaniſhes away, while a wiſe Man that has not ſo great a Stock of Wit ſhall nevertheleſs give you a far greater and more laſting Satisfaction: Juſt ſo it is in a Picture that is ſmartly touch'd but not well ſtudy'd, one may call it a witty Picture, tho' the Painter in the mean time may be in Danger of being call'd a Fool. On the other Hand, a Picture that is thoroughly underſtood in the Whole, and well performed in the Particulars, that is begun on a Foundation of Geometry, carry'd on by the Rules of Perſpective, Architecture, and Anatomy, and perfected by a good Harmony, a juſt and natural Colouring, and ſuch Paſſions and Expreſſions of the Mind as are almoſt peculiar to *Raphael*; this is what you may juſtly ſtile a wiſe Picture, and which ſeldom fails to ſtrike us dumb, till we can aſſemble all our Faculties to make but a tolerable Judgment upon it. Other Pictures are made for the Eyes only, as Rattles are made for Childrens Ears; and certainly that Picture that only pleaſes the Eye, without repreſenting ſome well-choſen Part of Nature or other, does but ſhew what fine Colours are to be ſold at the Colour-ſhop, and mocks the Works of the Creator. If the beſt Imitator of Nature is not to be eſteemed the beſt Painter, but he that makes the greateſt Shew and Glare of Colours; it will neceſſarily follow, that he who can array himſelf in the moſt gaudy Draperies is beſt dreſt, and he that can ſpeak loudeſt the beſt Orator. Every Man when he looks on a Picture ſhould examine it according to that Share of Reaſon he is Maſter of, or he will be in Danger of making a wrong Judgment. If Men as they walk abroad would make more frequent Obſervations on thoſe Beauties of Nature which every Moment preſent themſelves to their View, they would be better Judges when they ſaw her well imitated at home: This would help to correct thoſe Errors which moſt Pretenders fall into, who are over haſty in their Judgments, and will not ſtay to let Reaſon come in for a Share in the Deciſion: 'Tis for want of this that Men miſtake in this Caſe and in common Life, a wild extravagant Pencil for one that is truly bold and great, an impudent Fellow for a Man of true Courage and Bravery, haſty and unreaſonable Actions for Enterprizes of Spirit and Reſolution, gaudy Colouring for that which is truly beautiful, a falſe and inſinuating Diſcourſe for ſimple Truth elegantly recommended. The Parallel will hold through all the Parts of Life and Painting too; and the Virtuoſos above-mentioned will be glad to ſee you draw it with your Terms of Art, As the Shadows in Picture repreſent the ſerious or melancholy, ſo the Lights do the bright and lively Thoughts; As there ſhould be but one forcible Light in a Picture which ſhould catch the Eye and fall on the Heroe, ſo there ſhould be but one Object of our Love, even the Author of Nature. Theſe and the like Reflections well improv'd might very much contribute to open the Beauty of that Art, and prevent young People from being poiſoned by the ill Guſto of any extravagant Workman that ſhould be impos'd upon us.

I am,

SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

‘THough I am a Woman, yet I am one of thoſe who confeſs themſelves highly pleas'd with a Speculation you obliged the World with ſome time ago, from an old *Greek* Poet you call *Simonides*, in Relation to the ſeveral Natures and Diſtinctions of our own Sex. I could not but admire how juſtly the Characters of Women in this Age fall in with the Times of *Simonides*, there being no one of thoſe ſorts I have not at ſome Time or other of my Life met with a Sample of: But, Sir, the Subject of this preſent Addreſs, are a Set of Women comprehended, I think, in the Ninth Specie of that Speculation, call'd the Apes; the Deſcription of whom I find to be, “That they are ſuch as are both ugly and ill-natur'd, who have nothing beautiful themſelves, and endeavour to detract from or ridicule every thing that appears ſo in others. Now, Sir, this Sect, as I have been told, is very frequent in the great Town where you live; but as my Circumſtance of Life obliges me to reſide altogether in the Country, though not many Miles from *London*, I can't have met with a great Number of 'em, nor indeed is it a deſirable Acquaintance, as I have late found by Experience. You muſt know, Sir, that at the Beginning of this Summer a Family of theſe Apes came and ſettled for the Seaſon not far from the Place where I live: As they were Strangers in the Country they were viſited by the Ladies about 'em, of whom I was, with an Humanity uſual in thoſe who paſs moſt of their Time in Solitude. The Apes lived with us very agreeably our own Way till towards the End of the Summer, when they began to bethink themſelves of returning to Town; then it was, Mr. SPECTATOR, that they began to ſet themſelves about the proper and diſtinguiſhing Buſineſs of their Character; and, as 'tis ſaid of evil Spirits, that they are apt to carry away a Piece of the Houſe they are about to leave, the Apes, without Regard to common Mercy, Civility, or Gratitude, thought fit to mimick and fall foul on the Faces, Dreſs and Behaviour of their innocent Neighbours, beſtowing abominable Cenſures and diſgraceful Appellations, commonly call'd Nick-names, on all of 'em; and in ſhort, like true fine Ladies, made their honeſt Plainneſs and Sincerity Matter of Redicule. I could not but acquaint you with theſe Greivances, as well at the Deſire of all the Parties injured, as from my own Inclination. I hope, Sir, if you can't propoſe intirely to reform this Evil, you will take ſuch Notice of it in ſome of your future Speculations, as may put the deſerving Part of our Sex on their Guard againſt theſe Creatures; and at the ſame Time the Apes may be ſenſible, that this ſort of Mirth is ſo far from an innocent Diverſion, that it is in the higheſt Degree that Vice which is ſaid to comprehend all others. I am,

SIR,

Your humble Servant,

Conſtantia Feild.

By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Monday, being the 10th of December, will be preſented a Comedy call'd the Committe, or the faithful Iriſh-man. The Part of Teague by Mr. [illegible], Coll. Careleſs by Mr. Wilks, Coll. Blunt by Mr. Mills, Mr. Day by Pinkethman, Abel by Mr. Bullock, Obadiah by Mr. Johnſon, Bookſeller by Mr. Norris, Mrs. Day by Mrs. Powell, Arabella by Mrs. Porter, Ruth by Mrs. Oldfield.

For the Benefit of Mrs. Hemings.

On the 14th Inſtant, at Mr. Clayton's Houſe in York-Buildings, will be performed, The Paſſion of Sappho and Feaſt of Alexander. Tickets at a Crown each, are to be had at St. James's Coffee-houſe, at Mr. Lillie's in Beaufort-Buildings, at the Hamburgh Coffee-houſe in Burchin-lane, Cornhill, at Squire's Coffee-houſe in Fulwood's Rents, and at Nando's Coffee-houſe at Temple-Bar.

Loſt on Saturday the 8th Inſtant, between the Fleece Tavern in Covent-Garden and Long-Acre, a Vellum Pocket-Book, in it a Bill on Sir Francis Child and Copartners of [illegible] l. Sterling, payable to Mr. Alex. Moor or Bearer, dated the 4th Inſtant, whereof 5 l. were receiv'd and mark'd on the Back of the Bill. Whoever brings it to [illegible] Coffee-houſe in Covent-Garden, ſhall have a Guinea Reward and no Queſtion's ask'd, it being of no Uſe but to the Owner, Payment being already ſtopt.

The Hudſon's-Bay-Company give Notice, that their [illegible] Dividend to Marriages will be paid on the [illegible] of January next, and that they require all ſuch Perſons who are or may be Intituled to any ſuch Dividend to make clear their Title and lodge their Proof with the Company's Regiſter on or before the 22d of this Inſtant December. The ſaid Company alſo give Notice to their Subſcribers, that Wedneſday the 26th of this Inſtant December will be the laſt Day on which they will receive any Quarterages which were due on the 29th of September laſt, either on account of Marriages or Apprentices. Note, That Propoſals of the ſaid Company's Undertakings, (Firſt, for Benefit of Clerks or Apprentices; Secondly, for Benefit of ſuch who are deſigned for Clerks or Apprentices; and, Thirdly, for Benefit of ſingle Perſons by enlarging their Marriage-Portions, and for raiſing Annuities for ſuch who ſhall continue ſingle ſeven Years,) are given gratis at the Company's Houſe in Fenchurch-ſtreet, where Attendance is given from 10 in the Forenoon till 2, and from 4 till 7 in the Evening.

There is a very good Earl's Coach, with the Harneſs of ſix Horſes, all as good as new, to be ſold a very great Pennyworth: To be ſeen at the Dolphin in Dean-ſtreet near Soho-Square.

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ing to the late Sergeant Streeter; viz. Guido,
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Lanckrinck, divers curious Flower-Pieces of Van
gen, noble large Looking-glaſſes finely painted
Ornaments by Van Zoon, with other high finiſh'd
be ſold by Auction on Thurſday the 13th and
this Inſtant December. The Sale will begin exactly
ternoon, at his late Dwelling-houſe in Gerard-ſtreet,
Collection may be ſeen this Day, to Morrow, and
logues to be had gratis at the Place above-named.
lection is to be ſold for the Benefit of his Children, ſo
muſt be diſpoſed of.

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